

Present Perfect Continuous

Learn!

- a. How long have you been studying here? { I've been living here for two years.
I've been living here since I started High school.
- b. The dog is dirty because he's been digging in the garden.
- c. I'm really tired. I've been playing squash all afternoon.
- d. What have you been doing? I've been reading a fascinating story.

Work it out!

1 Match the uses of the Present Perfect Continuous Tense with the sentences above.

- a. To explain the result of an activity that has just finished. _____ and _____
- b. To talk about activities that have just finished or are still in process. _____
- c. To talk about the duration of activities that started in the past and continued until the present. _____

2 Complete the rule to form the *Present Perfect Continuous Form*.

- a. We form the Present Perfect Continuous with *has been* or _____ + *the* _____ *form of the verb*.
- b. Two typical time expressions used with the present perfect continuous are _____ and _____ .
- c. _____ is use to express a period of time and _____ indicates when the action started.

Use!**1 Complete the conversations with the correct form of the present perfect continuous and an appropriate time expression.**

- a. "How long _____ he _____ play) that computer game?"
" _____ ten o'clock this morning!"
- b. "You look dirty!"
"I _____ (fix) my motorcycle."
- c. "Frank has a black eye."
" _____ he _____ (fight) again?"
- d. "Why is she crying?"
"She _____ (watch) a sad movie."
- e. "Mary looks tired."
"Yes. She _____ (study) all night for her exams."
- f. "I've been here _____ hours!"
- g. "What _____ you _____ (do)?"
- h. "I _____ (look for) you!"